





## Section 10 Development Recommendations

This study has examined the various aspects of developing a Regional ARFF Training Facility in Arizona. With the guidance of ADOT and the Planning Advisory Committee established for this study, the City of Phoenix Fire Training Academy site has been selected as the preferred site by a significant margin over other possible sites. Local, state, and federal regulations, available technology, and liabilities were considered. Potential facility utilization was determined and alternative sites were examined. Facility components were identified, preliminary cost estimates were generated, and financial feasibility and project benefits and cost were analyzed.

As with other similar Regional ARFF Training Facilities, the profitability of the proposed facility in Arizona remains in question. However, turning a profit or even attaining a break-even level may not be the ultimate goal for the sponsor. As part of the site selection criteria in this study, it was determined that a multi-use facility (one that provides additional training and/or academic instruction) was the most viable scenario to ensure the long-term sustainability for the ARFF facility. The City of Phoenix Fire Training Academy provides the synergy of a multi-use facility enabling economies of scope to realized for both the operator and the customers.

ADOT should, as soon as possible, obtain a Letter of Intent from the City of Phoenix indicating its commitment to proceed with this project. ADOT should also include this project in its next five-year program.



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